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Activity	Comment
Development of EACFFPC training materials	<p>FEAFFA finalized the drafting of the EACFFPC training materials in a third week long retreat of subject experts in Bagamoyo, Tanzania from 1st -5th October 2012. The experts were joined by a curriculum development and training expert to ensure the materials were properly aligned to the revised curriculum. The materials are before the Curriculum Implementation Committee (CIC) for validation in Mombasa.</p> <p>The materials cover Customs procedures, Tariff classification, Valuation, Rules of origin, Application of ICT, Port Clearance, and Freight forwarding Operations, Basic management and Ethics and Integrity. This activity is being supported by TMEA.</p>
Conduct an audit of the FEAFFA portal	Upon finalization of the review of the performance of the FEAFFA e portal and the eventual submission of the report, the secretariat held a planning meeting with TradeMark East Africa on how to move the

	FEAFFA e portal forward. The meeting resolved that FEAFFA develops an annual work plan for the e portal indicating what information will be uploaded for the next one year. TMEA will continue supporting the initiative.
Produce the second edition of the East African Freight Forwarders Directory.	Work on the directory is in progress. The agency hired to publish has however reported numerous hiccups that have affected the degree of sales in terms of space. No sales had been secured by mid October 2012. A review meeting has been planned in which a way forward will be charted. FEAFFA is still hopeful that the project will successfully be executed.
Hold a meeting with TMEA to discuss advocacy issues for support	The Federation has been engaging TMEA for support in the area of advocacy. The Federation submitted a list of advocacy issues affecting the industry at regional level upon which a meeting was organized to discuss possible support. The Secretariat has proposed a regional meeting of clearing and forwarding industry to develop concurrence and consolidate the priority issues that will receive the support of TMEA.
To develop handbooks for the organizational policy manuals	The Secretariat has developed popular versions of all its policy manuals, which have been adopted for consolidation into one handbook.
Develop three position papers on: i. Customs Warehouse rent ii. Mutual recognition of Customs agent licenses iii. Self regulation of Customs agents	Two of the three consultants to conduct the studies and produce the position papers engaged in stakeholder consultations on the issues of self regulation and mutual recognition of customs agents licences. Accompanied by an officer from secretariat together with a representative of USAID COMPETE in some cases, the consultants travelled to Nairobi, Malaba, Kampala, Namanga, Bujumbura, Kigali, Gatuna and Dar es Salaam met with clearing agents, revenue and port authorities, and Maritime authorities. The consultants are expected to produce their draft reports by mid November 2012 in preparation for the validation by the FEAFFA board. The consultant on customs warehouse rent is yet to start.
Develop border clearance manuals for the key borders in the EAC Region.	This activity is in progress. FEAFFA is still awaiting the draft manual in preparation for validation.

Develop standard trading conditions (STCs) for freight forwarders	The consultant submitted the final draft and it is awaiting validation by the FEAFFA executive board before the STCs can be published for use by the clearing and forwarding agents.
Participate in other partners events.	FEAFFA participated in meetings organized by other stakeholders. The Executive Director attended a launch and dissemination of a study on cross border trade in grains and pulses in the Nile Basin Member States by the East African Grain Council in Kampala. The Secretary General represented the federation in two days' Tripartite & IGAD Corridor Program (TICP) validation workshop in Kigali. The federation also participated in two days workshop by the Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Kenya on institutionalization of the Joint Border Committees and a border assessment event at Busia organized by USAID COMPETE.
Prepare a concept note to USAID AIIM	The secretariat prepared and submitted a concept note to USAID East Africa on strengthening capacity of Clearing and Forwarding Agents on clearance of maize and beans across EAC borders. Feedback is expected next month. The focus is on key EAC borders. The next step will be developing a full proposal should we succeed at this initial stage.
Validation of the EACFFPC training materials in Mombasa	The secretariat prepared the CIC meeting scheduled for 31 st – 2 nd November 2012 in Mombasa. All National Associations, Revenue Authorities and the EAC Directorate of Customs were mobilized for the meeting. The meeting is expected to validate the EACFFPC training materials developed by the team of subject experts for deployment in January 2013. The meeting is supported by TMEA.